

Rio Grande Valley Woodcarvers 2027 41th

Annual Judged Competition Show

Judges: Rich Wetherbee & Roger Stegall

Category levels from Beginner to Expert – Public Invited

Saturday January 23, 2027, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Sunday January 24, 2027, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

COMPETITION SHOW information/registration forms, VENDOR or display space contacts & CLASS information/registration forms go online to:

Website: www.rgvwoodcarvers.org

Email: rgvcarvers@rgvcarvers.org

This EVENT will be held at:

PALM VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER

3401 JORDAN RD W,

MCALLEN, TX 78503

DONATION: \$5.00

Children Under 12 Free with Adult

ACCOMODATIONS

Several RV Parks, Hotels and Motels located conveniently near the site of the Show & Rally. Food and snacks will be available on site during the Show & Rally. There are also several restaurants in the area. Vendors will be selling a full line of tools, roughouts, pyrography equipment & tips along with many other fine wood artworks!

Club Contact Information

Rio Grande Valley Woodcarvers, Inc. PO Box 4918 Mission, Texas 78574

Website <http://www.rgvwoodcarvers.org>

Email: rgvcarvers@rgvwoodcarvers.org

COMPETITION SHOW CHAIR: Dennis Boone

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Rich Wetherbee

Rich has spent his entire life in Colorado carving and sculpting. Having had no formal or informal training, he has designed thousands of pieces both commercially and one-of-a-kind sculptures out of many mediums including wood, clay, and bark. Rich is one of the Charter members of the Caricature Carvers of America. Rich is splitting his time up now between studio design and teaching his skills to others around the United States. Rich and Bethy have taught in 35 states ...Only 15 to go!



Roger Stegal

Roger began carving at age 11, making toy guns for his friends, because the “store-bought” ones weren’t quite right! As a hobby, he continued to whittle and carve while raising a family and working as a letter carrier for the US Postal Service. After 32 years of delivering mail, he retired and is now enjoying his first love—woodcarving. He is designing, carving and finishing his many “friends” — Ozark Hillbillies, soldiers, cowboys, mountain men, Native American Indians, Santa’s and many others. In the early 70’s he met Harold Enlow at Dogpatch and found out there were carving tools (not just the pocketknife he had been using!) Roger’s work is influenced by Harold Enlow, Pete Engler, Bob Robertson and Steve Brown.

He is a founding member of the Central AR Woodcarving Club, has taught at the Arkansas Arts Center and offers seminars and carving classes throughout the country. He has been an instructor in Indiana, Kentucky, Florida, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee and of course Arkansas. Roger will be returning for the third time as an instructor at the Renegade Woodcarvers Roundup in Lebanon Tennessee in October 2020. He was a member of the Ozark Crafts Guild and had pieces in the Smithsonian and on the White House Christmas Tree.

Roger is a “guest carver” at the Woodcarving shop in Silver Dollar City and is a regular caricature instructor at the Peter Engler’s Design/Pete’s Place in Downtown Branson MO. Through the years, Roger has received many awards, ribbons and recognition from both the Caricature Carvers of America and the International Woodcarving Congress.

TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY WOODCARVERS
2027 JUDGING RULES

DIVISIONS

DIVISION	ENTRY TAG COLOR	CARVER QUALIFICATION
NOVICE	YELLOW	Two years or less carving, less than 2 Blue Ribbons at any carving show. May enter carvings in any category.
INTERMEDIATE	RED	More than two years carving and not received Best of Show at any woodcarving show.
OPEN	BLUE	Carver has earned Best of Show and/or is or has been a woodcarving instructor or professional carver.

1. Registration of carving for judging will ONLY be accepted Friday from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM. NO CARVINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED OUTSIDE OF THIS TIME FRAME.
2. Carvers are RESPONSIBLE to select the proper category and division for their entries. They may be reclassified at the Competition Chairs and/or Judges discretion. ONCE JUDGING STARTS, NO ENTRIES WILL BE RECLASSIFIED.
3. Entry forms for the judging competition will be available in the entryway and on the RGVW website. FORMS MUST BE FILLED OUT PRIOR TO CHECKING IN AT THE ENTRY COUNTER.
4. Items to be judged must be made by the carver and NOT MORE THAN TWO (2) YEARS PRIOR TO THE SHOW. Competition Chair may remove a carving from competition if it found to not to be in accordance with show rules.
5. COMPETITION DISPLAY OF CARVINGS. A) Carving groups must be contained on a single base. B) Portraits, Wood burnings, relief carvings walking sticks and canes will be laid flat on the table, unless the carver provides a display stand.
6. Any name, signature or initials must be covered.
7. No more than THREE (3) entries per category.
8. Mentored, instructor assisted and rough outs must be entered in the appropriate instructor assisted/rough out category (500-506). They are not eligible for Best of Division or Best of Show.
9. All entries in the competition MUST BE LEFT ON THE JUDGING TABLES FOR THE DURATION OF THE SHOW. You will need your claim ticket to pick up your carving at the end of the show. DON'T LOSE IT!
10. NO LAZER, 3D PRINTED, OR CNC ENTRIES WILL BE ALLOWED.

CONTACT THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY WOODCARVERS AT:

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For Competition entry forms, Vendor or display space.

AWARDS

Best of Division will be awarded in Open, Intermediate and Novice Divisions. Best of Show will be chosen from all qualified categories.
Carver's Choice and People's Choice will be awarded

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RIO GRANDE VALLEY WOODCARVERS 2027 SHOW CATEGORIES

ANIMALS IN THE ROUND	100	Realistic any finish
	101	Animal groups, any finish, attached to a single base
BIRDS IN THE ROUND	200	Birds (single base or multiple birds on a single base)
	201	Waterfowl and shorebirds (single base or multiple birds on a single base)
CANES AND WALKING STICKS	300	Canes and walking Sticks
CARICATURE	400	Human or Animal figures in the Round
INSTRUCTOR ASSISTED CLASS WORK & ROUGH OUTS	500	Animals, Any finish (not eligible for Best of Show)
	501	Birds, Any finish (not eligible for Best of Show)
	502	Chip Carving, Any finish (not eligible for Best of Show)
	503	Human, Any Finish (not eligible for Best of Show)
	504	Miscellaneous, Any Finish (not eligible for Best of Show)
	505	Relief, Any Finish (not eligible for Best of Show)
	506	Pyrography, Any Finish (not eligible for Best of Show)
FISH IN THE ROUND AND AQUATIC	600	Any Fish or aquatic creatures,
FLOWERS	700	Any subject, any finish
FOUND WOOD, BARK	800	Bark, cypress knees, limbs (No dimensional lumber)
HUMAN IN THE ROUND	900	Realistic Human, figure, bust or human group
JEWELRY	1000	Carved, any subject, any finish
CHIP CARVING	1100	Any Chip carving
MINIATURE	1200	Small carvings that must fit in a 2" cube
MISCELLANEOUS	1300	Carvings that don't fit elsewhere. (Including antlers)
MYTHICAL CHARACTERS	1400	Santas, Kachinas, Trolls etc.
RELIEF CARVINGS	1500	Shallow Relief (Less than ¼" deep) (Any finish)
	1501	Deep Relief (More than ¼" deep) (Any finish)
	1502	Intaglio (Any finish)
RELIGIOUS SPIRITUAL	1600	Religious figures and other spiritual subjects (Crosses etc.)
PYROGRAPHY	1700	Unpainted Painted
	1701	
WOODTURNING	1800	No carving (Not eligible for Best of Show) Significant
	1801	Carving
CARVED SPOONS	1900	Carved spoons any finish
GOURDS	2000	Any subject
BOWLS, DRINKING VESSELS, ETC	2100	Any subject, carved, non-carved, painted, non-painted
ILLUSION BOWLS	2200	Not eligible for best of show
DISPLAY ONLY NOT JUDGED	2300	Any piece that fits into any of the preceding categories. (These pieces will not be judged)

RIO GRANDE VALLEY WOODCARVERS – 2027-SHOW

JUDGED ENTRY REGISTRATION FORM

SHOW DATES: Saturday January 23, 2027, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Sunday January 24, 2027, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

REGISTRATION: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM FRIDAY JAN 22, 2027

NO CARVINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED DAY OF THE SHOW NUMBER OF CARVINGS PER CLASS – CATEGORY NUMBER – AGE OF CARVING(S)

- 1) You may enter **NO MORE THAN TWO (2) CARVINGS** in any category (e.g., 100, 500 etc.)
- 2) Mentored/instructor assisted carvings must be entered into the appropriate **Instructor Assisted Category (500)**. This would include instructor assistance outside of a class. **Category (#1800) Woodturning & Category (500) Instructor Assisted are NOT eligible for BEST OF DIVISION or BEST OF SHOW.** For assistance in determining the proper category number, use the Show Categories form provided in the RGVWC Show/Rally Booklet or online at our website <http://www.rgvwoodcarvers.org> to find the Category Number for your carving.
- 3) Entered carving(s) must have been carved **NO MORE than Two (2) YEARS** prior to the show. **Note: Show personnel have the right to REMOVE a CARVING which does not adhere to show rules. REMEMBER TO COVER YOUR Name/signature or initials and bring your own display stands.** This will allow the judges to make decisions without bias.

ENTRY DIVISION BASED CRITERIA BELOW: ENTRY DIVISIONS

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Check the question(s) below which best describes your carving experience:

- _____ Have less than two (2) years of carving experience.
- _____ Have received a Best of Show at any Woodcarving Show.
- _____ I am a paid woodcarving instructor.
- _____ I am a professional carver.

**RIO GRANDE VALLEY WOODCARVERS
RALLY ON THE RIO-2027 SHOW
ENTRY FORM Palm View**

Community Center

3401 Jordan Rd W, McAllen TX, **Jan**

23 - 24, 2027

**REGISTRATION FRIDAY JANUARY 22,
FROM 1PM TO 5 PM ONLY**

Name (Please Print) _____

Division: **(Please circle one)** Novice Intermediate Open

2 FREE Entries per Table, please list your TABLE NUMBER _____

\$5.00 Donation for all other entries

CATEGORY NUMBER	CATEGORY NAME	ENTRY DESCRIPTION	DONATION
e.g. 100	e.g. Animal Realistic	e.g. Raccoon	\$
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I CERTIFY THAT THE ENTRERED CARVING(S) HAVE BEEN CARVED NO MORE THAN TWO YEARS AGO BY THE UNDERSIGNED. I will not hold the Rio Grande Valley Woodcarvers, Inc. or the Palm View Community Center responsible for injury to me (us) or for damage or loss of my (our) work. I (We) agree to observe all show rules.

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

MUST BE A RIO GRANDE WOODCARVERS MEMBER AND PAID EVENT REGISTRATION FEE TO PARTICIPATE.